



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN  
FIRE CHIEF  
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

July 26, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON 2004-2005  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE  
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST  
(ALL DISTRICTS)  
(3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Confirm the 2004-2005 hazardous vegetation abatement costs in the total amount of \$20,790.00 to be assessed to owners of improved parcels.
2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to post the hazardous vegetation abatement costs as a direct assessment against the respective improved parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

**SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:**

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER

BRADBURY  
CALABASAS  
CARSON  
CERRITOS  
CLAREMONT  
COMMERCE  
COVINA

CUDAHY  
DIAMOND BAR  
DUARTE  
EL MONTE  
GARDENA  
GLEN DORA  
HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HAWTHORNE  
HIDDEN HILLS  
HUNTINGTON PARK  
INDUSTRY  
INGLEWOOD  
IRWINDALE  
LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE

LA MIRADA  
LA PUENTE  
LAKEWOOD  
LANCASTER  
LAWDALE  
LOMITA  
LYNWOOD

MALIBU  
MAYWOOD  
NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
PARAMOUNT  
PICO RIVERA

POMONA  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Board's confirmation of hazardous vegetation abatement costs enables the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (Fire Department) to assess improved parcels in Los Angeles County which have been declared to be a seasonal recurrent public nuisance due to excessive hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation, and which required hazard abatement enforcement by the Fire Department.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Hazard abatement enforcement is necessary to ensure abatement of fire hazards on improved parcels that are not in compliance with local requirements. Enforcement of compliance on improved parcels is the responsibility of the Fire Department and is required by Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive. Your Board's action on January 18, 2005 approved these costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels. The cost, \$231.00 per improved parcel, is the cost established by previous Board action on January 21, 1997 and does not include an increased cost per parcel. Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs will allow the Fire Department to recover costs for abatement action beyond the annual inspection program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no net County cost in confirming the hazardous vegetation abatement costs. Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs allows for partial recovery of the Fire Department expenditures for hazard abatement enforcement.

**FINANCING:**

Confirmation of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs does not affect the net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Abatement activities have been taken against improved properties found by inspection to be a seasonal recurrent nuisance due to hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, including native and ornamental vegetation, which require Fire Department abatement enforcement action to provide fire protection to existing structures and adjacent properties under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922 inclusive.

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July 26, 2005  
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The attached report contains an itemized account of the hazardous vegetation abatement costs. A copy of the report shall be posted for at least three days on or near the Board's chamber door and on the internet, with a notice of the time when the cost report will be submitted to the Board for confirmation after a public hearing.

A copy of the cost report, as confirmed, shall be turned over to the Auditor-Controller of the County, on or before the tenth (10th) day of August following such confirmation. The Auditor-Controller will enter the amounts of the respective assessments against respective improved parcels as they appear on the current assessment roll.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

The recovery of hazardous vegetation abatement costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

**CONCLUSION:**

When confirmed, the Fire Department requires one (1) copy of the Board's action.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with some additional scribbles to the right.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:jt

Attachments

c: Vicky Santana  
Randi Tahara  
Joseph Charney  
Rick Velasquez  
Sussy Nemer  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

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REPORT ON HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COST

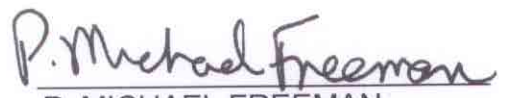
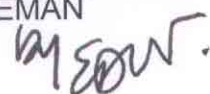
TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Supervisors:

Pursuant to an order heretofore made by your Honorable Board instructing the Fire Department to enforce abatement of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation, under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12, of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive, we respectfully submit for confirmation by your Honorable Board on July 26, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., the following report on the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement showing the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement on each separate lot or parcel of land, to-wit:

(see attached report titled 'HAZARDOUS VEGETATION ABATEMENT COSTS')

Respectfully submitted,

  
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN  
FIRE CHIEF 

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        )

JOHN R. TODD, Assistant Chief, Forestry, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Section Manager of the Brush Clearance Unit of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, being duly sworn says:

That on or before the 19th day of July 2005, he posted or caused to be posted, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and on the internet, the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement services for each and every parcel described in the report titled 'Hazardous Vegetation Abatement Costs.' A true and correct copy thereof is attached hereto, with a notice stating that the 26th day of July 2005, at 9:30 a.m., is the date and time upon which said report is to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for confirmation.

By   
John R. Todd  
Assistant Chief, Forestry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 19th day of July, A.D., 2005

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES – 07/01/2005  
2004 - 2005**

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
2007	002	008	231.00
2007	002	017	231.00
2017	003	025	231.00
2049	013	009	231.00
2049	016	026	231.00
2058	006	019	231.00
2072	026	001	231.00
2078	013	029	231.00
2526	002	035	231.00
2818	025	010	231.00
2840	004	023	231.00
2845	002	023	231.00
2845	013	016	231.00
2845	013	017	231.00
2846	015	010	231.00
2846	016	026	231.00
3251	012	015	231.00
3251	013	001	231.00
3251	013	039	231.00
3251	013	042	231.00
3251	017	011	231.00
3252	015	040	231.00
3253	002	013	231.00
3272	020	013	231.00
3279	015	008	231.00
3279	017	010	231.00
4436	008	002	231.00
4443	003	013	231.00
4447	003	014	231.00
4447	021	017	231.00
4447	032	020	231.00
4449	013	009	231.00
4456	011	086	231.00
4456	031	002	231.00
4462	005	005	231.00
4471	011	010	231.00
4472	022	016	231.00
5658	015	009	231.00
5808	004	022	231.00
5808	019	007	231.00
5817	003	023	231.00
5817	004	008	231.00
5821	020	007	231.00
5831	001	006	231.00
5831	001	007	231.00
5831	002	031	231.00
5831	017	008	231.00

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES – 07/01/2005  
2004 - 2005**

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHARGES
5843	014	004	231.00
5843	019	011	231.00
5843	019	012	231.00
5843	024	010	231.00
5843	026	008	231.00
5860	034	030	231.00
5860	036	015	231.00
5860	040	005	231.00
5860	041	019	231.00
5864	009	006	231.00
5864	024	019	231.00
5864	025	008	231.00
5864	025	038	231.00
5864	034	035	231.00
5864	034	039	231.00
5867	012	046	231.00
7551	006	014	231.00
7551	017	018	231.00
7572	004	019	231.00
7572	008	021	231.00
7572	017	017	231.00
8126	013	005	231.00
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8204	015	020	231.00
8241	024	045	231.00
8277	025	010	231.00
8281	007	035	231.00
8289	014	014	231.00
8392	015	029	231.00
8396	002	008	231.00
8447	005	024	231.00
8527	019	001	231.00
8527	021	041	231.00
8527	025	007	231.00
8602	002	007	231.00
8673	023	010	231.00
8701	018	023	231.00
8701	033	014	231.00
8713	036	027	231.00
8713	037	017	231.00
8718	027	016	231.00
8734	014	017	231.00
8734	024	024	231.00

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED: 90**

**TOTAL CHARGES: \$20,790.00**